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No fall concert to be held

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It was announced at Tuesday night's Student Senate meeting that Campus Activity Programmers will not be bringing the MTV game show "Remote Control" to campus this fall.

The announcement came one week after the October 3rd Senate meeting, when CAPs president Jeanie Rigby announced that "Remote Control" would be on campus October 25 and that tickets would be on sale for \$6.

According to David Gieseke, there was a verbal agreement with MTV but on the same day that it was made MTV had to be told the deal was off due to a misunderstanding concerning facilities and scheduling.

Gieseke said CAPs thought they would be able to use Lamkin Gymnasium but it turned out there was no space available on the day MTV was scheduled to come.

Gieseke cited an athletic department policy that prohibits any activity in the facility on weekdays between October 15 and March 15.

"There are intramural activities and classes during the day that would be interfered with because the people we bring in need time to set up their equipment," Gieseke said.

Gieseke said it is unlikely there will be a replacement for "Remote Control" because there is too little time and too limited a selection of available, quality performers to choose from.

"We have made a conscious decision to be selective," he said. "We could always hurry around and get a band or something but we would rather wait and bring in someone of quality. There is no one available that we feel would be worthwhile."

CAPs considered using the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center for "Remote Control" but that did not work out either.

"We considered having 'Remote Control' do their show in (Mary Linn) but the time they were going to come is too close to the theatre department's fall production, so that facility will be tied up also," Gieseke said.

At the Senate meeting there was discussion of the activity fund. Some senators questioned what happened to the money students put into this fund when there was no fall concert.

Gieseke's response to this was that the money is not designated for a specific area like fall concerts and that for big concerts CAPs has to pool its resources.

"CAPs does many things during the year," he said, "and the money in the activity fund goes to all of these. The decision not to have 'Remote Control' was not a financial one. The money can and will be used to bring in quality entertainment next semester."

Campus Safety begins assault investigation

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Northwest Campus Safety has received reports of four assaults on campus within the past month, according to University officials.

According to Public Relations Officer Bob Henry force was used in only one of the assaults. In that incident a young man jumped from behind a bush and slapped a young woman. The woman reportedly kicked her attacker in the groin to defend herself. Both parties fled the scene and the woman reported the incident to Campus Safety.

The three other cases all involved male and female acquaintances, Henry said. One incident reportedly occurred near the football field and another at a dormitory.

The third incident reportedly involved a male coming from behind a female to fondle her breasts. According to Henry both parties then went to the library to study. While at the library the male made further advances. The woman later reported the incident to Campus Safety. Henry said all of the cases involved different male and female subjects.

According to Campus Safety Director Jill Hogue charges were not filed in the first three cases. The case involving the use of force is still under investigation and Campus Safety is still in contact with the woman involved, Hogue said.

Hogue and other Campus Safety officers have been offering seminars to different groups concerning sexual assault. Some of the tips they offer is not to walk alone at night and to walk on a well-lighted and safe path.

"The sergeants have told me that the buddy system seems to be working," Hogue said. She is also hoping to start an escort service on campus that would operate out of the Campus Safety office.

"We have been getting a wonderful response with the possibility of the escort service," Hogue said. She is hopeful that the organizational work for the escort service will begin next week.

Former Campus Safety Director Wilbur Adams was hopeful of starting a similar program last year. Adams also attempted to set up a campus watch program similar to the one that is now implemented with students patrolling campus looking for any suspicious activity.

Hogue said that Campus Safety has received calls from concerned parents who may be over-reacting.

"I ask them how many attacks they think there have been and...they don't seem to know the situation," Hogue said.



Puffing It Up—Karen Reiley relentlessly puts finishing touches on the Alpha Sigma Alpha float for this week's Homecoming parade. The parade starts at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday and is only a part of the Homecoming festivities. The Homecoming theme is "Hooray for Hollywood." Photo by Mona Long.

Campus Safety starts Student Patrol

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Staff Writer

Campus Safety has recently started a student "foot patrol" program at Northwest, Jill Hogue, director of Campus Safety said.

"They (the patrols) walk around the University academic buildings and, for security reasons, check doors," Hogue said.

She went on to say that the students also check the doors of residence halls to make sure the doors are securely locked after midnight.

If the patrols find a fight on campus, they are not supposed to get involved. They are to let an officer know that the fight is occurring and an officer will arrive as soon as they are able.

"We are the eyes and ears of the patrolling officers," Bill Pick,

a member of the foot patrol said. The idea of the foot patrol came about due to the lack of manpower in the Campus Safety office.

"We are short manpower, so we decided to include students in the program. The students do things that the officers used to, but when they were called out things like checking the buildings got left out," Hogue said.

Students go through a screening process to make sure they are qualified for the job. Besides the screening process a student's citizenship is also taken into consideration before one becomes a member of the foot patrol.

Although this is the first year for the foot patrol at Northwest, the four members feel it is going well.

"They work from 10 p.m. to 2

a.m. from Tuesday through Saturday. But it looks like we might extend that," Hogue said.

Eventually the foot patrol may be open throughout the weekend with six members rather than the four that are patrolling now, she added.

"People are still questioning our authority, we have none. But the program is working really well," Pick added.

While the foot patrol is one area where students work with Campus Safety, others are writing tickets for parking violations, dispatching officers to the scene of incidences and, in the future, may work in escort and crime prevention areas.

"We are still in the planning stages, and next semester everything will be more concrete," Hogue added.

Organizations participate in program

SUSAN MAYNES
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Organizations have been adopting highways to help keep them clean and at the same time save the state of Missouri money.

Bill Adams, chairman of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, said, "The bottom line is that it saves the highway department the cost of policing the highways and still keeping them in good shape."

The money saved can then be used on the roads themselves, Adams said.

The Adopt-A-Highway program has three categories: mowing, litter pickup and beautification.

Mowing takes more time than what is spent on snow removal, patching, putting up signs or painting stripes. To reduce the more than \$10 million in cost and save time, the highway department allows adopters to mow highway property.

Beautification helps enhance the appearance of the highway. The state encourages planting of flowers and shrubs along the roadways.

Litter costs the state more than \$2 million a year, as well as taking away from the beauty of the highways. The state cooperates with organizations whose efforts help clean them up.

Adams said most organizations choose litter pickup as their form of improvement.

The basic amount of highway given to an organization is two miles outside the city limits and one half mile within the city limits.

Faith Chapman, philanthropic chairperson for Al-

pha Sigma Alpha sorority, said her chapter has just over three-fourths of a mile within city limits.

"This is a good project to be involved with, considering the time involved," she said.

It took 30 minutes for 40 girls to clean up their section, Chapman said.

Adams said to become involved with the program, the group or individual must make an official appeal through the state highway department.

The organization should supply their contact person and what type of activity they plan for the highway: mowing, litter pickup or beautification, said Adams.

The highway department approves the request and sends out the information needed and the group is required to attend a safety conference to discuss the safety factors involved with working along the edge of the highway, Adams said.

When a group is ready to clean their section of highway, the organization will need to notify the contact person in the state department, said Adams. The state will furnish the bags and pick them up the next day.

After adopting a highway, the state provides a sign which includes the organization's name, how much highway they have adopted, and what type of improvement is involved.

Chapman said it took about a month after the paperwork was finished for their sign to be put up.

"It's a good way for organizations, businesses or individuals to contribute to the beauty in their state," Adams said.

Newsbriefs

Society plans chapter

The Missouri Division of the American Cancer Society is trying to organize a chapter in Nodaway County.

This chapter will provide an opportunity for local service and support to people who have cancer or have been touched by cancer.

Anyone interested can attend the meeting at St. Francis Hospital, Monday at 11:45 a.m.

For more information, contact Nancy Nelson at 562-1279 or Helen Weldon at 582-5974.

Campus honors Milner

Northwest, during Homecoming activities, will officially unveil a brick marker in honor of Ryland Milner.

In 1987 the Board of Regents honored Milner's retirement as an athletic coach and as athletic director by naming the athletic facilities around Lamkin and Martindale Gymnasiums "The Ryland Milner Athletic Complex."

The brick marker contains a computerized electronic message board that was made possible by a fund-raising campaign.

The unveiling will be Friday at 5:30 p.m. with Milner present for the ceremony.

Northwest creates logo

A Northwest committee has been formed to develop a new logotype for use on University publications and stationery.

One goal of the committee is to have the new logo and a related standards manual completed by April 1. This is so the new logo can be used for the 1990-91 academic year.

The new design is to capture characteristics the committee determined best described Northwest.

Those characteristics are high quality, tradition, innovation, caring/personal and a beautiful campus.

The committee would like to see the new logo eliminate the use of NWMSU and replace it with "Northwest."

Campus hosts MSTA

The fall convention of the District/Missouri State Teachers Association will be on the Northwest campus Friday.

The convention will start at 8:45 a.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The morning speaker will be Jim Hoge, superintendent of the Cherry Creek, CO, School District. Other scheduled events include musical entertainment by the West Nodaway School's elementary chorus, meetings in the J.W. Jones Union and in Brown Hall from 11 to 11:50 a.m. and an administrator's luncheon in the Union Ballroom at noon.

Faculty present papers

Two Northwest staff members will be in Texas to present two co-authored papers.

Dr. Jerry Baxter, associate professor of management, and Nancy Kerber Baxter, coordinator of projects in the Center for Applied Research will give their presentation, October 26-28 at North Texas State University's conference, "The Core and the Canon: a National Debate."

The papers to be presented are "Updating Management Theory to Match the New Technology: A Personality Theory Relating Business and the Liberal Arts" and "Transcending the Disciplines Through an Ontological Approach to Strategic Management."

Media video available

John Jasinski, instructor of mass communication, has developed an instructional package that can be accessed by faculty.

The project is called the "Integrative Media Package." It is to be used for purposes of improved instructional strategies.

It contains over 60 hours of video and audio material along with material from newspapers, slides, magazines and brochures.

The package can be found in the Department of Mass Communication offices.

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Two ambulances were called to the Northwest campus Tuesday morning. Above, ambulance workers lift a female student into the ambulance after she became ill in the Union. Earlier that morning an ambulance was called to campus to give assistance to an Environmental Services employee. University Public Relations officer Bob Henry said the employee suffered a possible heart attack. Photo by JoAnn Bortner.

Tower bells back in service for campus

KATHY BARNES
Staff Writer

Terry Scadden has made a contribution of note at Northwest. The bells from the University Memorial Bell Tower that were silent for several years, are now ringing throughout the campus.

Scadden, electric shop and temperature control supervisor in the department of environmental services, with assistance from Ron Pedersen, University electrician, has worked on a system that for years was thought to be beyond repair. His efforts have brought the electrical set of chimed bells to the Tower. The bell's speakers are located at the top of the University's newly remodeled Memorial Bell Tower.

And he did it for one-tenth of the previous cost estimates.

The 100-foot-tall Bell Tower is a pre-cast concrete structure 25-feet in diameter located in the center of campus. It was built in 1971 to serve as a memorial to living and deceased alumni, former faculty and staff members and friends of the University. The construction was paid for by gifts from students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of Northwest.

Originally the bells rang out the time on the hour. Power and audio sources are located on the top floor of the J.W. Jones Union. This system also provided for chimes on the quarter-hour, and at the beginning of the day, the carillon was programmed to play favorite melodies from player-piano-like rolls.

But as the time wore by, wear on the electronic timer resulted in an occasional quirk in the system; the kind that made the music play at 2 or 3 a.m., and 6 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The

odd hours would awake and upset the residents living near campus and it became a public relations negative. Finally the system became so unpredictable that it was completely shut off.

There were many efforts to solve the problem, but the cost estimates for a new timer ranged from \$18,000 to \$25,000, and always seemed to halt any efforts.

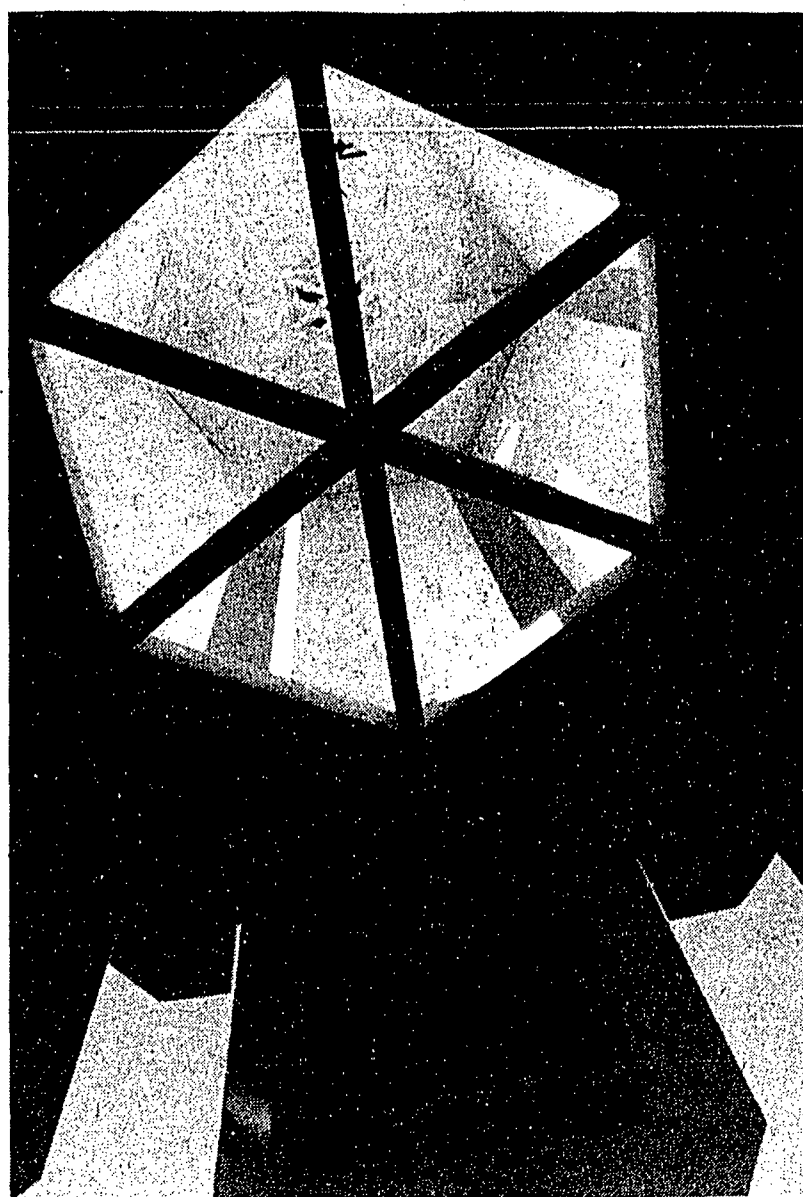
One year ago, Scadden was contacted by personnel at the Union to see what he could do. Garth Parker, University director of environmental services, had him look at the system. With the help of Mike Douthat, engineer at KXCV radio, he created a repair plan.

Scadden purchased a seven day programmable timer, 15 solid-state timers and several relay switches which were needed for repair. The purchase was made on a bid basis.

Together with Pedersen the repaired system was put together and given test runs in the electric shop and finally installed in the Union at a cost below \$1,800.

The current system is less flexible than the original. The carillon has more timers and relays and is capable of playing music at the top of 13 different hours, but currently is programmed only to play at 8 a.m., noon and 8 p.m.

Area residents seem to enjoy the music, especially since it does not awaken them. "The comments I have heard are admittedly limited, but I haven't heard anything negative. Campus visitors and people on campus seem to like it, and it gives Northwest a traditional sort of atmosphere," Bob Henry, director of public relations, said.



Shapes And Sizes—Beyond the hexagon shape echoes the sounds of the revised Tower bells. Terry Scadden and Ron Pedersen worked diligently to bring back the sounds of different songs at various hours. The actual bells are located at the top of the J.W. Jones Union. Photo by Brandon Russell.

Career Day offers opportunities

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The Office of Career Services will be hosting over 56 companies and government agencies on Northwest's campus for Fall Career Day.

The day is set up to help undergraduate students and graduate students help decide on a major, target a career field and learn more about internships and co-op opportunities. Personnel officers will answer questions about the career future, and help the students to form "contacts."

Career Day will be held on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Union Ballroom.

Jeannine Gaa, director of Career Services, said that many companies are looking for people with good communication skills, self-confidence and the ability to cooperate. This is an opportunity to sell yourself and start a network that could lead to a good job in a specific field. She also said many companies are looking for enthusiastic

people willing to be trained, rather than a student with a just a major.

Representatives are there to answer questions about "what it takes, employer's expectations, how to fill out an application to their advantage, the future outlook in that specific career and how hard it is to get in the field." Free literature will be available for students.

Every student is encouraged to attend Fall Career Day.

"Without the students, the companies won't come back. It will be to the Northwest student's advantage, because a great turnout shows them that Northwest's students care about the future," Gaa said.

Gaa also said it will give a Northwest degree a better chance in the job market, and that students should register their job file in the Office of Career Services before their Senior year.

"It is an excellent way to enhance your educational experience at Northwest," said Gaa.

Club Teen available for students

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If you are looking for a chemical-free environment on the weekends, Club Teen is the place to go.

Members of the community and high school students decided an alternative to drinking on the weekends was needed, said Jamie Roop, manager.

The students helped to renovate the building with the help of members of the community and donations.

"Club Teen gives them something fun to do without in-

volving drugs and alcohol," Roop said.

The club is open to anyone who is at least a freshman in high school and under the age of 21, Roop said.

Dances, video games and refreshments are available at the club, Roop said.

"There is usually a DJ every week and we have a dance planned for October 28, which will be a Halloween dance."

According to Roop, the club has four basic policies: no drinking, no drugs, no smoking and no disruptive behavior.

Work study changing

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Staff Writer

The federal work study program across the nation has changed over recent years, according to Mr. James Wyant, director of financial aid at Northwest.

"The government only gives 75 percent of a student's work study money, while the institution must come up with 25 percent to get the full 100 percent," he said.

That figure is up from the 1988-89 academic year, when the institution had to pay only 20 percent.

"During the 1990-91 year the amount the government gives will decrease to 70 percent," Wyant added.

Northwest must then add the other 30 percent of the money.

"The government gives us 'X' amount of money which has to be matched from University funds," he said.

All the work study funds are allotted to the students, not the University, even though the school is required by federal guidelines to provide a certain percentage of the funds.

If the amount the government gives to the students at Northwest next year is equal to the amount that was given this year, more students will be eligible for the work study program.

"If they give the same dollars, but we put in 30 percent rather than 25 percent, that's the way to increase workstudy without increasing the amount of (federal) money," said Wyant.

The amount awarded to a student is decided by a "federal need analysis" form that is filled out by the student and parents.

Although Northwest must come up with more money for the work study program, Wyant feels that the extra \$30,000 will not be enough to cause any problems, and it should not cause a tuition raise.

New phone system joins Electronic Campus

SUSAN MAYNES
Staff Writer

The newly implemented is phone system is actually a late step in the electronic campus.

Dave Sherry, telecommunications coordinator, said financial planning began about five years ago. Construction and installation started during the fall semester in 1986 and, by the spring semester of 1987 the dorms were wired for the electronic campus, which included the phone system, he said.

Students could sign up for phone service through United Telephone System by the middle of the fall 1987 semester, Sherry said.

With the system presently in use, the students are using the same type of service as faculty, he said.

The phone numbers for each room were randomly selected and verified before put into use by students, Sherry said.

He said each student has an authorization code that is unique. That authorization code is tied to the number in the owner's room, he said.

"If someone lost their code, the person who found it would have to use the phone in the owner's

room," said Sherry.

He said this would also eliminate many of the possible problems with billing.

The university also does its own billing, he said. The system used is Station Message Detail Recording (SMDR). This system shows the number called, the authorization code that was used and the duration of the call, Sherry said.

The new system has worked out very well in its first month of use, he said.

The dorm population, minus staff members, is 2,654 and approximately 2,605 have signed signature cards and have access to the network, he said.

Sherry said there are 2,450 bills sent out and the average bill is \$31.

The new system blocks credit card calls, collect calls and any other operator assistance calls.

Sherry said this helps retain revenue, which is then used to help pay for the system and maintain the line.

The student pays \$12.50 for a semester of service which is included in the housing contract, he said. That amount pays for everything, whereas a regular phone service would add on costs of installation, taxes and a

monthly user fee.

Students living off-campus are still given an authorization code, but this code would not work, said Sherry. The code was given for convenience if the student should decide to move back on campus.

We are working on making this type of service available to the off-campus student, he said. However, interest must be shown before final plans can be made. "If students are interested, they should call the Telecommunications Office and let us know," said Sherry.

If this system was put into service, there would be a number of on campus locations where off-campus students could make long-distance phone calls with their authorization code, he said.

The system has 46 lines available for a discount, Sherry said. This means the first 46 long-distance calls occurring at the same time would be given a 10 percent discount but the forty-seventh call is considered overflow and is not discounted, he said.

"This doesn't happen very often," Sherry said. "To avoid

overflow, students should avoid making calls during the peak hours."

Those hours are from 8 to 11 p.m., he said.

This type of system was chosen to allow every call to be placeable. This way no one has to wait to make a long distance call, Sherry said.

The students can now find out how many phone calls they have made and what their bill is any time they like by using the on-line detail access in the VAX system, he said.

By typing in the command SPHC, a detail of the student's account is shown.

Sherry said this system could possibly take the place of the bill mailing process.

New ideas that students may see working in the future are a fax service and security phones, he said.

The fax service would be available to students and faculty and would be based on charge per transmission, Sherry said.

The security phones would be located in doorways or on sidewalks, he said. Students could make emergency calls by pressing one button or regular calls which would be limited to five minutes.

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Students' well-being jeopardized

There has arisen a serious problem on our campus and something must be done about it.

In the past few weeks a number of alleged assaults have been reported to Campus Safety. No charges have been filed and it seems as though nothing is being done. On top of that a few University officials think that it would be best if the whole thing be kept quiet in hopes that the assaulting parties will try again and be caught.

This kind of rationale must not be allowed to continue. A straight line of communication needs to be opened to Northwest students about this issue so precautions can be made.

There are many things that can be done to make Northwest a safer environment for students. A good beginning would be letting the student body know that a problem exists. The University as a whole needs to become more concerned with the problems at hand; not just Campus Safety and the administration, but everyone.

In February there was talk of establishing a campus watch program and an escort service by former Campus Safety Director Wilbur Adams. It was to provide better protection for students. Adams asked for support from the Residence Hall Association and Student Senate and hoped to gain input from minority groups, fraternities and University officials.

What happened?

If these people did not want to support these ideas, then it is their fault that these assaults have occurred; however, if this was not the case then their has been some detrimental procrastination in the hands of the Campus Safety Department.

The bottom line is that the information about the assaults was withheld much too long. Keeping the facts surrounding the issue from the students was jeopardizing their safety. This should never be allowed to happen as the University is here for the student's benefit, and their well-being should not be threatened.

Letters

Security on campus questioned

Dear Editor,

In last week's edition of the Northwest Missourian a story of an alleged attack was briefly mentioned. As the article stated, the director of Campus Safety would not comment or tell details of the story.

I am in total shock. Why will Ms. Jill Hogue not comment? Is it not the public's right to know about attacks on this campus? Especially when these alleged attacks keep repeating? I would think that Ms. Hogue, especially being a woman, would want to get this information out. I do not want names, that is not the issue here.

The important issue is the safety and awareness on our campus. People need to be aware of the dangers of walking alone at night. People need to feel safe about the protection that the students supposedly have.

If the problem is brought out to the public, perhaps support groups can be formed, self-defense classes can be started, speakers can be brought to the university and students can have confidence in Campus Safety.

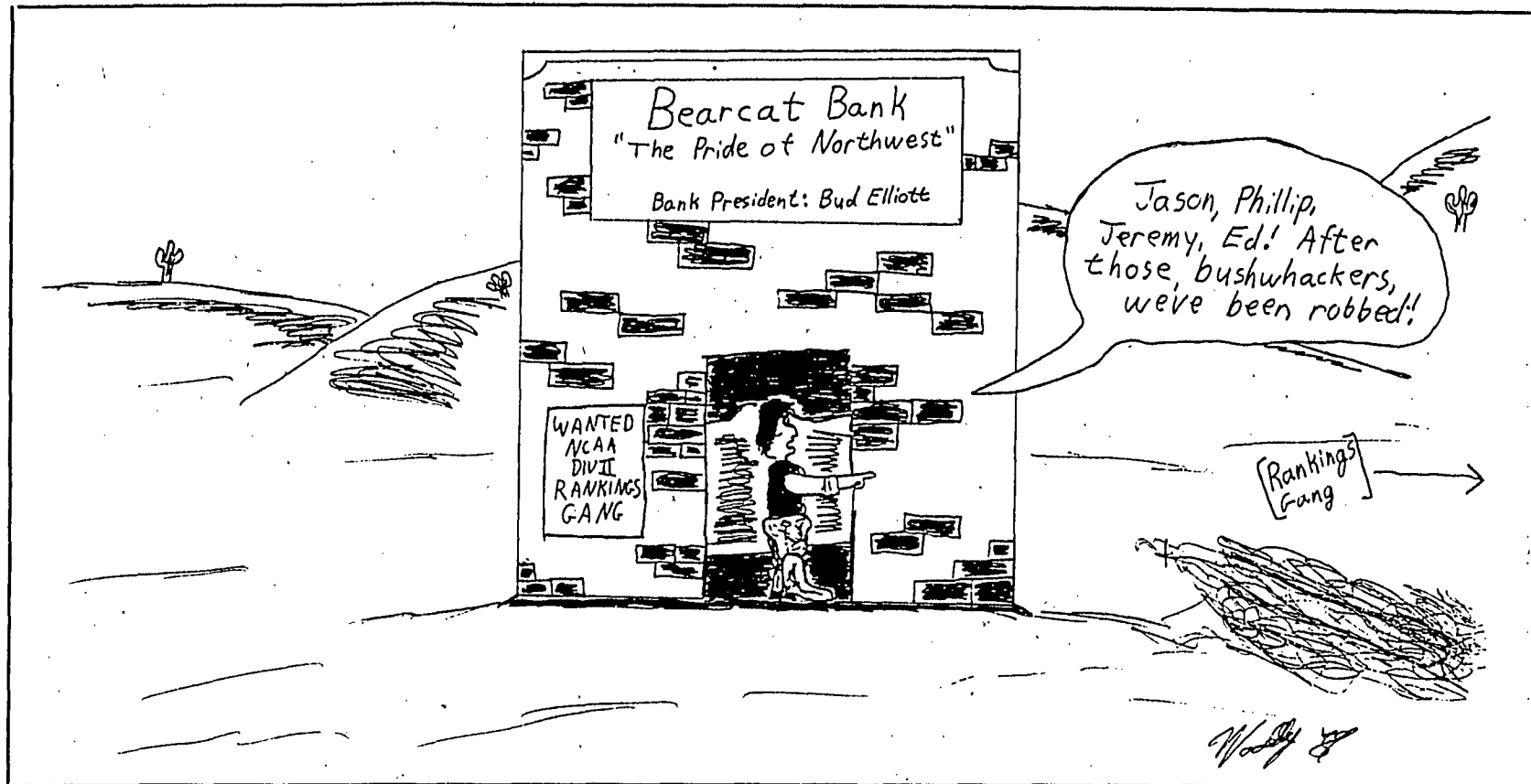
The article also stated that three women who were previously attacked never brought charges. Perhaps if these attacks had been brought to the public's attention these women would not have been so unsure as to how to handle the situation. If the unfortunate situation was to happen again, the victim might have a better idea as to the step they have to take.

The victims in these cases are exactly that, victims. Victims of the awful attacks as well as victims of Campus Safety's non-committal attitude toward the problem.

I hope that in the future these reports can be brought to the campus' attention. Perhaps then these victims will not feel so alone. The first step to feeling safe is having confidence in the protection of this campus. I do not feel that is being achieved.

This problem is not going to go away. Perhaps by printing some articles on the problem it can cease some of the rumors that are going around. I invite someone to comment on this, so perhaps this problem can be brought to the campus' attention and all sides can be heard.

Jennifer S. Barley



Our Hero feels burdens of losses

Good morning boys and girls. Can we say lose?

It seems to be the week for losing in Your Man's mind. Our Hero knew all good things would come to an end when he lost his old pal Fido the Wonderdog. When Fido took off, things were bound to go awry.

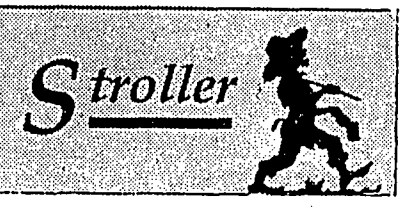
The winning streak of the Bearcats has come to an end. It had to come sometime, probably, but the timing could not be worse. Along with the superb comeback of the 'Cats came the equally-miraculous return of the Chicago Cubs.

Needless to say, win a few, lose a few.

Some people, no names to be listed, see the comeback of the Cubs as a fruitless attempt to be successful. "Look at their history. Look at the inventions that have come forth since their last World Series win."

Your Campus Cub fan (but that seems to include everyone these days) realizes that yes, a lot of things have happened since the

Cubs last won the Series. But that was a long time ago. Our Hero will even stick his neck out on the line to say that none of those Cubs are on the team now. Call it a guess, but Your Man ventures to guarantee none of those players have anything to do with the way the Cubs play now.



Some say it can never happen. They used to say the same thing about the Bearcats. But look at both teams now. They have both managed to surprise everyone. Suddenly everyone is a Cub fan and everyone has total faith in the Bearcats.

See what winning a few games can do?

Regardless of the way the Cubs spent this year, Our Hero sticks with his original team...had it

not been for a few bad plays and a lot of bad luck, the Cards would be going for the pennant once again.

However, there is even another thing that both teams have in common. After losing to the Giants, the Cubs lost their chance at the World Series. After losing to Pittsburgh State, the 'Cats lost their ranking in the top 20. Something does not seem right here.

To get off that track, some weird things are going on at Northwest and it may take a lot of explaining to set things right.

Our Hero has been hearing that some things have been happening around campus that no one really wants to talk about. These things that Your Man is hearing are not really good, and can make even a big, burly man like Our Campus Colossus question the amount of safety there is on campus.

The Enjoy Bells are going off, marking time for Your Man to head for the Deli to enjoy a terri-

bly high-priced and low-quality meal. That was not nice. Your Herald Health Hound (cough) is sure the Deli chooses only the best cuts of meat, the freshest vegetables, and the moistest cheese before serving anything to any student.

Sounds like a Hardee's commercial.

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Before signing off, Your Man would like to go astray from the everyday chores of growing up and toss a drinking warning. Nah.

Work study controversy draws criticism from Geography instructor

Dear Editor,

On October 5, a front page news story was published by the Northwest Missourian which lambasted the Geology/Geography department for alleged improprieties relating to the University's work study program. The article was rife with inaccuracies, misquotes and omissions of information from the headline through to the conclusion. An accompanying editorial only served to compound the confusion surrounding the issue.

A newspaper staff has an obligation to its constituency to gather facts and report the unvarnished truth. Failure to do so in a public newspaper often results in the printing of an embarrassing retraction at best, or lawsuits for libel and slander at worst. Since the Northwest Missourian is a student newspaper, considerable latitude must be granted its staff in the interest of providing learning experiences. In this instance, the boundaries of informative journalism have been extended beyond reasonable limits, and a clarification of facts surrounding the issue must be provided to preserve the integrity of an academic department.

Work study budgets are unique among the fiscal categories of an institution. Traditionally, each operating unit of the institution has been provided with a "phantom" budget figure to be used as a guideline for allotting work study monies. The term "phantom" is used here because the amount budgeted can be spent by the department only for work study employment and only if the students are able to secure work in that department based upon their academic schedules and special skills and experience which may be required by the department involved. In all fairness to university administration, the matching of departmental needs with the interests, skills, and schedules of work study students has been an unenviable task. Historically, the burden has been placed upon the student to locate employment within the various academic, administrative, and support service units. Equitable distribution of work study employees among units has been difficult, if not impossible, to achieve due to the restrictive parameters of the work study program. Some departments find that their work study "budgets" go unused, while others receive

far larger final allotments of work study students than their "guideline budgets" originally provided. Tradition has been that when a student seeking work study finds a unit which has work to be done and that student's skills, interests, and schedule coincide with departmental needs, the department chair signs the student's work study employment card and it is returned to the Financial Aid Office. Subsequently, during the academic year funds are transferred to the department in the amount of the student's work study award.

The Geology/Geography department, for the past three years, has received far larger final allocations or work study monies than suggested by original "guideline budgets" due to the growth of the program and increasing needs of the department. In the past, the department has tailored requests for allocation of funds to previous years' utilization of work study labor. Prior to this semester, no attempt has been made to cast aspersions on the efficacy of final allocations of work study monies or the appropriateness and nature of the jobs provided for students despite the fact that guideline budgets and final appropriation of funds have seldom coincided.

The Geology/Geography department, by any standard, has been among the more productive academic units on this campus. Topical interest, effective instruction, and commitment to advisement and placement have resulted in growth unsurpassed by any other academic department on campus for the past five years. Eight years ago, Northwest had the smallest undergraduate Geoscience Department in the Midwest region. Today it boasts the fourteenth largest undergraduate department, in this discipline, in the country according to "Schwendeman's Directory of College Geography of the United States." The Northwest Geology/Geography department has gained a national reputation for quality, as well as size, despite a significant lag time in institutional funding due to the rapidity of its growth. Accomplishments such as these merit praise, not criticism.

Dr. Ted Goudge, Geographer

Editor's note: The Missourian stands by its story.

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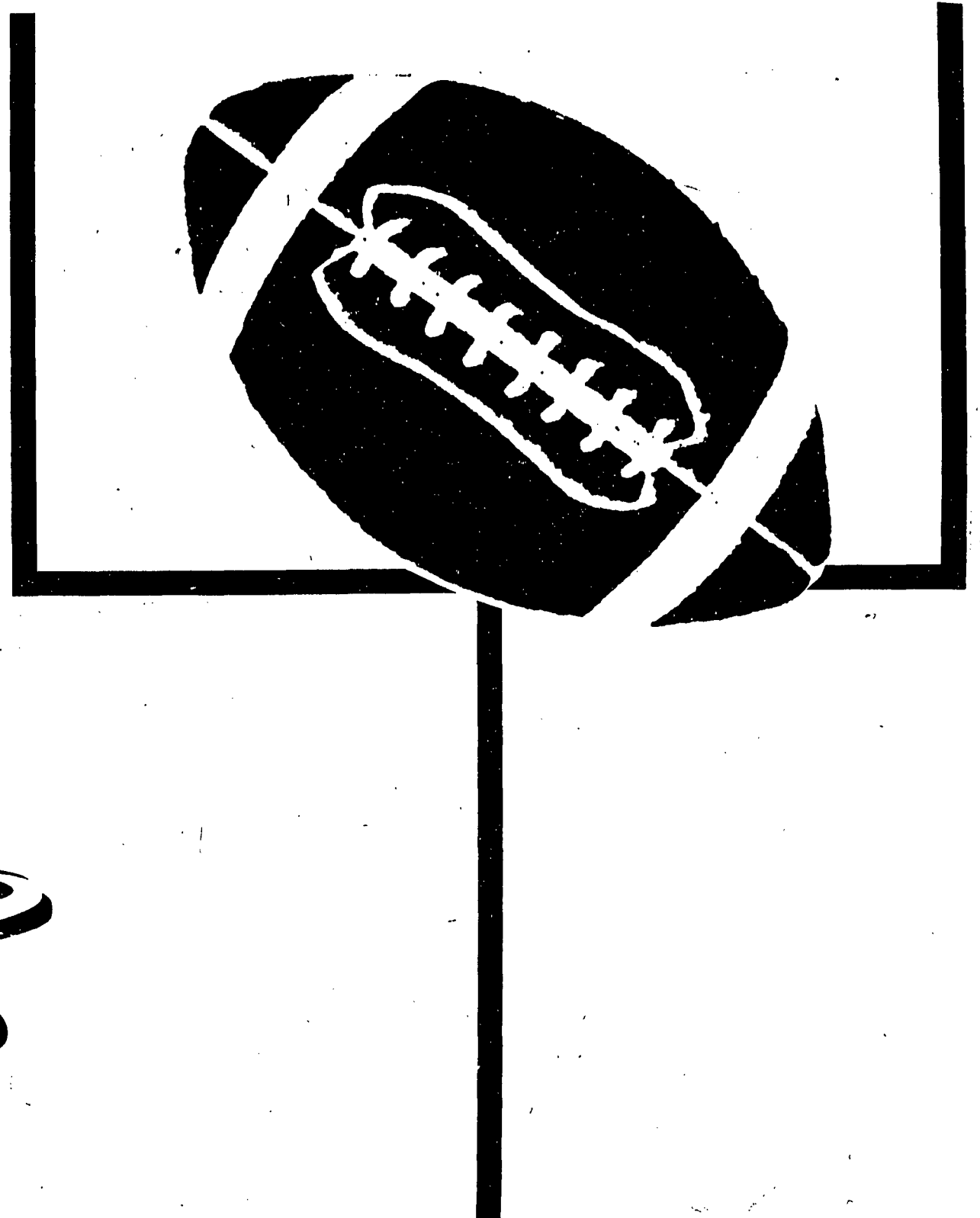
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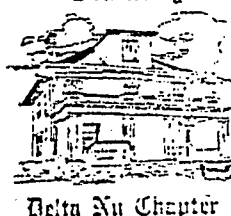
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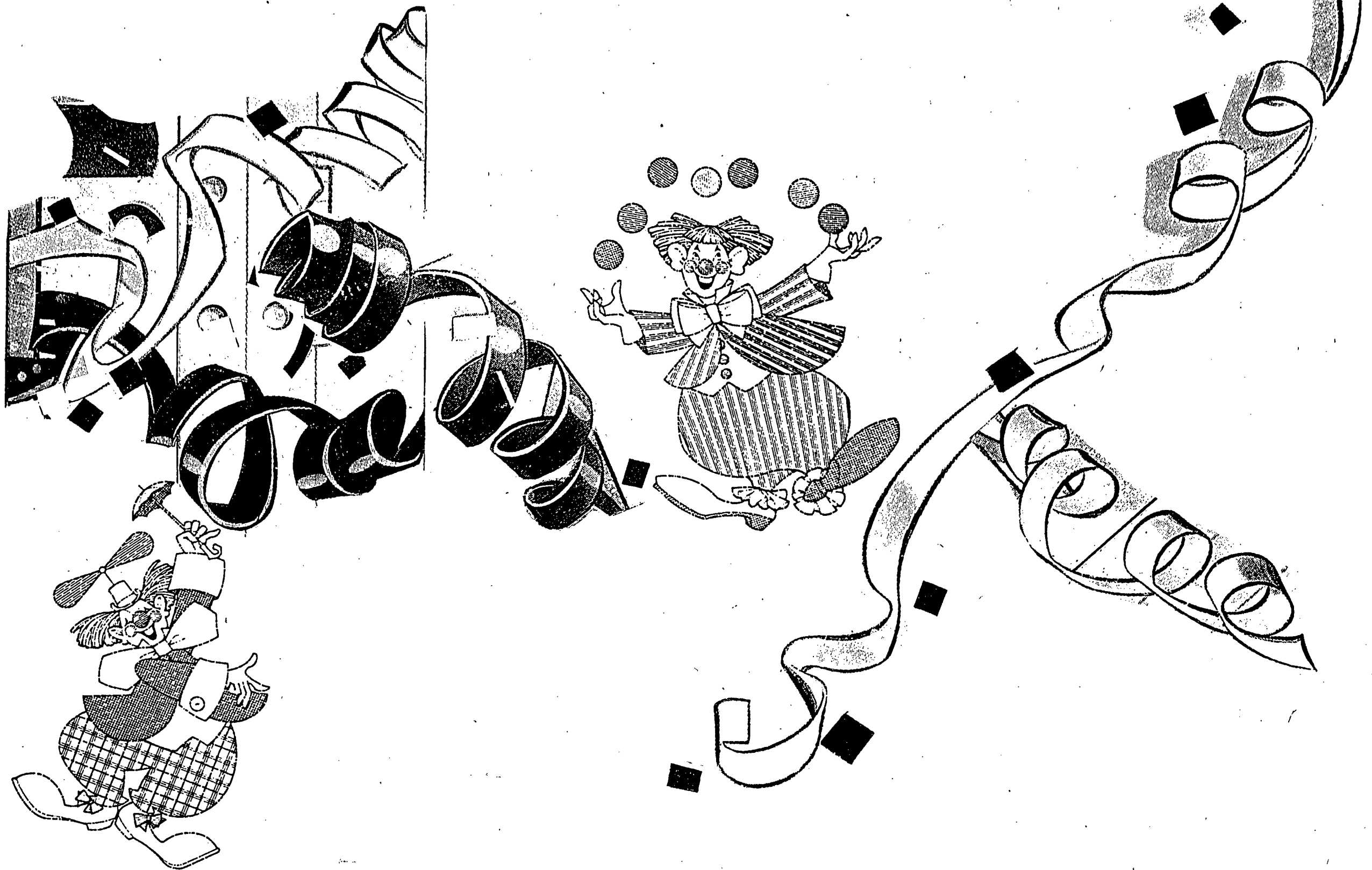
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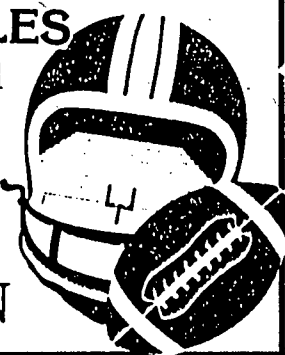
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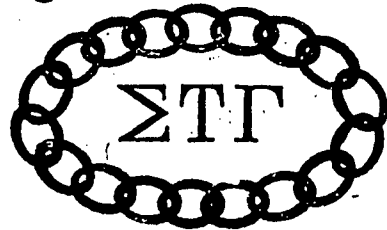
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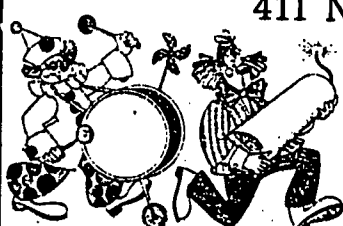
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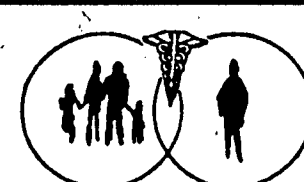
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Dizneys plan to retire; relocate, relax in Texas

DEBBIE ALLEN
Staff Writer

Bill Dizney, director of student affairs, and his wife Dr. Desmion Dizney, director of student health services, will retire after the Fall 1989 semester.

The couple plans to move to Dallas, Texas, where they will be closer to their family.

Retirement from the professional world will allow Desmion to devote time to another love of her life—music. When she finished school 40 years ago she said it was tough to decide whether she wanted to be a family physician or play the violin.

Even though the Dizneys have lived in Maryville longer than anywhere else in the world, Desmion is excited about the future.

"There's something just as exciting waiting around the corner," she said.

The two met in Rhodesia, which is now Zimbabwe, Africa. She was in private practice and he was teaching English at a university for international students.

Before coming to Maryville they lived in such places as Turkey, Kenya, and American Samoa. Desmion said moving was a way of life for her family, they lived in each place long enough to know the people and the country.

Practicing medicine overseas and in Third World countries gave Desmion a broad look at the field of medicine. Before coming to Northwest she had never worked closely with one specific age group.

She thought it would be routine and very structured but she has learned differently.

"I've grown to be interested in this group of people," she said. "I've learned a lot from the students, but I can't learn enough about them."

Being surrounded by students on a daily basis makes Desmion remember some words of wisdom given to her by an elderly doctor several years ago. She said the woman told her to have the patience to sit down and listen to her patients.

The whole atmosphere at Student Health Services may change once Desmion retires. The University has formed a committee that is looking into the option of hiring another in-house doctor or contracting out for a medical group.

The reality of an in-house doctor is grim according to Desmion. She said there are so few doctors are interested in college based medicine that it places them in high demand. Desmion believes that the doctors who would be interested would be more likely to go to a larger setting.

Whatever decision the University makes Desmion would like to see similar services offered to students. In addition, she believes that the outreach programs such as CARE, the University Committee on AIDS and health-related programs developed for Resident Assistant training, residence halls and classes should continue.

"It is a pleasure to get up and go to work and meet with the staff and students that come in," she said. "It's never a chore; the pleasure has increased with the years."

When the Dizneys moved to Maryville 16 years ago Bill obtained a job with the University working with veterans. The need for the program diminished after four years and so he returned overseas to teach English.

Since he had a lot of experience in multi-cultured countries he said it was not hard for him to create a place for himself at Northwest in 1977.



Time to relax—Bill Dizney, director of student affairs, and his wife Desmion, director of student health services, will retire after the Fall 1989 semester. They plan to move to Dallas and devote time to other activities they enjoy. Photo by JoAnn Bortner.

His responsibilities were to help international, minority and disabled students adjust to college life. Those responsibilities are the same today and he has since become involved in the Student Senate and Inter-Fraternity Council.

At times, however, his job revolves around the average college student. He believes students need a place to go and talk; they need someone to listen.

"They come in to talk about a problem and usually the person comes up with their own best solution," he said.

His name has become a familiar one to parents as well as students over the years. He said he gives his home phone number to parents during freshman orientation because he remembers what it was like being the parent of a college student.

"Sometimes we parents don't hear anything for a couple of weeks and naturally we become

concerned. That's where I come in, the parent can call me and I will get in touch with the student and have them give their parents a call," Bill said. "Parents just like to know what's going on."

His parenting years are a thing of the past but he remembers quite well what it was like having his two daughters around.

One of the contributing factors to the family moving to Maryville was the desire of the children.

"They wanted to live in a small town and they wanted a big white house on the corner," said Bill.

Through the years he said he has become much more patient and tolerant. He said he isn't sure if those are traits that came with age or something he picked up along the way.

Health Center plans replacement

NICK WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

The health education program started by Student Health Services should not be affected when the director of student health retires this fall, Dean of Students Phil Hayes said.

A committee led by Hayes is exploring options as to who will replace the retiring Dr. Desmion Dizney next spring.

Hayes said there are two primary options the committee is considering. The first is to replace Dizney with another in-house doctor. The second is a variation of a contractual relationship with local doctors or a medical group.

Members of the Health Center staff and several students who work closely with the service were concerned that the change could lead to the end of health education programs.

"I feel health education should be a very important component of health," Mary Strong, nurse, coordinator of the health service said.

Strong has launched the Northwest chapter of BACCHUS, an alcohol awareness group. She is currently helping a group of students start a series of programs to promote knowledge of eating disorders and sexually-transmitted diseases.

Michelle Campbell, a pre-nursing major, is working with Strong to organize the health education programs as part of an independent study. Promoting health education is as important as maintaining health, Campbell said.

"Health education will still play a vital role in the health service after Dizney retires," Hayes said.

The dean of students said he could not discuss details of the proposal the committee is developing. The proposal should be presented to the University president and his cabinet within the next two weeks, Hayes said.

More details about the future Health Center will be available when the proposal is finished, he said.

Members of the committee include Hayes, Dizney, Strong, Student Senate President Jamie Roop, University Controller Ray Courter and Director of Human Resources Management Sandra Cox.

Dizney said she does not think the health service will degenerate after her retirement.

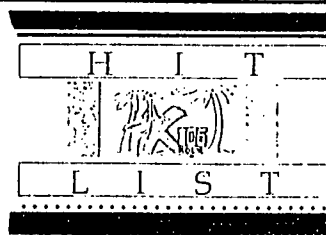
"CARE and BACCHUS are outreach programs," she said. "They are part of what the health service means to the University."

The health service should continue to be accessible to all students, Dizney said. The doctor did, however, have one wish.

"I would like to see the students really have a voice in what they'd like to see in their health service," Dizney said.

She said she would like to see a Student Health Advisory Committee developed during the next year. This committee would help keep health service costs in line and organize outreach programs. More campuses are creating such a committee, Dizney said.

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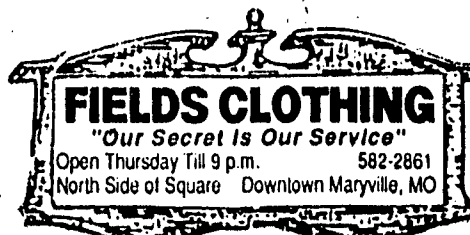
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"Say cheese"—Noni James, Shauntae Laird and Pia Coleman pose for a photo before the Alpha Phi Alpha Miss Black and

Gold competition Saturday. Laird went on to win and will be competing at the state level in March. Photo by Darla Broste

SCOTT ALBRIGHT Features Editor

The men of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity presented their annual "Miss Black and Gold Pageant" Saturday at 7 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Union Ballroom. Shauntae Laird, a freshman criminal psychology major from Poplar Bluff, Mo. was crowned "Miss Black and Gold 1989" for Alpha Phi Alpha's Rho Theta chapter.

In August the members of Alpha Phi Alpha chose three women to represent them in their pageant. These three women were given extensive interviews which stressed poise, intellect and sincerity. They were also required to submit a three-to-five page essay concentrating on each one's view of today's contemporary black woman.

The other two women on the "Black and Gold Court" were Noni James, a freshman broadcast major from Kansas City; and Pia Coleman, a sophomore radio and television production major from St. Louis.

Alpha Phi Alpha's Tory Tucker, who coordinated the pageant with Ron Alpough, said that Shauntae Laird would now advance to the state level.

"Each chapter holds their own competition where one woman is chosen to represent them," Tucker said. "All Alpha chapters in Missouri send one woman to state competition in Jefferson

City on March 3."

He added that there was a midwest regional and national contest following the state competition. The national contest will be held next summer in Miami, Florida.

Tucker said he wanted to stress that the "Miss Black and Gold Pageant" is not like other pageants, as personal beauty is not a factor.

"This is not a 'beauty' pageant," Tucker said. "It does not require outer beauty, but a beauty that comes from honesty and sincerity."

He said the largest part of the competition was based on intellect and their speaking ability.

The judges for the pageant were Ben Birchfield, assistant dean of students; Joe Duckworth, a graduate assistant and Alpha Phi Alpha alumnus; and Billie Gray, secretary of the St. Joseph chapter of the NAACP.

During the ceremony Saturday evening the judges performed a question and answer session looking for honest and intellectual responses from each finalist. There was also a talent competition where the contestants performed individual expressions.

The women involved all said that they felt this pageant was a chance for them to express themselves as contemporary black women.

"I want to be a role model for

the black youth of today," Laird said before the pageant Saturday. "This competition is giving me the opportunity to express myself as a contemporary black woman, which I hope will in turn inspire the younger black generation in one way or another."

After the competition Saturday Laird said she thought that any one of them could have been crowned "Miss Black and Gold" as each of them were winners.

"I am overwhelmed," Laird said after she was crowned. "I hope that I can represent the Rho Theta chapter and all contemporary black women well in the state competition."

The "Miss Black and Gold Pageant" was just one of the activities Alpha Phi Alpha has scheduled this semester. They plan to bring prominent black speakers to campus for lectures. Also on November 5 they will present a "Gospel Extravaganza" in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, including some popular gospel groups and singers.

Besides these scheduled activities are goals the fraternity wants to fulfill.

"Our biggest goal is the promotion of black awareness," said Dervon Nash, chapter secretary. "Some blacks [on this campus] are losing touch with their heritage and we want to help."

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'Cats' streak ends at five

CARI PREWITT

Assistant Sports Editor

The Northwest football team fell out of the NCAA Division II top 20 ranking and into second place in the MIAA following a 27-13 loss to Pittsburg State in Pittsburg, Ks. last Saturday night.

The game, given the nickname "Rumble in the Jungle" matched the only two undefeated teams in the conference, as well as the only two teams in the MIAA ranked in the top 20.

The win put Pittsburg State at number six in the poll and gave them sole possession of first place in the conference. The match also gave Pittsburg their 40th straight regular season win, the longest streak in the nation, at any level, in football.

Both Northwest and Pittsburg State scored once in the first quarter, each resulting from mistakes by the other team. Both times the advantage was gained from a punt situation.

That was the end of the scoring for the first half of play.

It was a game loaded with fumbles. The Bearcats fumbled five times and recovered only once, while the Gorillas fumbled



Make Your Move-Philip Quinn's keeps the Pittsburg defense on their toes during Saturday's contest. The 'Cats lost the game 27-13. Photo by Sarah Frerking.

six times and recovered twice. Quarterback Jeremy Wilson also threw four interceptions.

Pittsburg State came out strong in the third quarter, however, rushing for 148 yards and scoring two touchdowns on plays of 25 and 43 yards, and another on a four-yard run by quarterback Jay Padden.

"They didn't run anything

against us offensively that surprised us," Shannon Rooney said. "We didn't do what we were supposed to do against them. When we played our technique, we shut them down."

"In the third quarter they came out and performed and we didn't," Rooney added.

The 'Cats scored one more time in the game on an eight-

yard pass to Phil Quinn from Wilson. The extra point attempt, however, failed.

But the defense of Pitt State didn't allow anymore points on the 'Cats side of the board.

"We had some problems with there defense," offensive lineman Bob Jackson said. "The offensive line didn't protect the ball like we're supposed to and they did beat us on the line at times."

Jackson, who reinjured a strained rotator cuff from a few weeks ago, is most likely to see action this weekend against Missouri-Rolla. Center Mike Hulen was also injured during the game and is questionable for Saturday.

"I think the game against Rolla will tell how much character we have," he said. "This is a big game because we're coming off a big loss and there will be a lot of emotion involved. And since it's Homecoming, it will be really big. But I think we will bounce back."

Saturday the Bearcats will take on the Missouri-Rolla Miners in the Homecoming matchup. The Miners are 1-4 in the conference, and currently hold last place.

Polls questioned

Gene Morris
SPORTS EDITOR



'Cats lost to a real team while Angelo State was obviously upset by an unranked Mexico State.

There are more problems with the poll than Angelo State though. Three of the week's top 20 teams have suffered two losses, none of which came at the hands of Pittsburg State.

Mississippi College is ranked 15, Portland State is ranked 18 and North Alabama is 20. Each of the teams has suffered two losses.

The rankings are made by a four-member committee made up of representatives of the regions. Each region votes on teams for the top 20 poll. Northwest was not only unranked, but failed to receive any votes at all.

The committee obviously sees Northwest as a fluke that will just fade away. If nothing else, the committee will make the 'Cats even more motivated to prove themselves worthy of national ranking.

If the 'Cats would have lost to an unranked team like Angelo State did, the drop in the ranking would have been deserved, but booting them from the top 20 after being Pittsburg State's 40th consecutive victory is unreasonable.

Everyone knew the Bearcat's ranking would drop after suffering their first loss of the season to Pittsburg State last weekend.

The 'Cats found themselves on the short end of a 27-13 score as Pittsburg State won their 40th straight game. The loss put the 'Cats record to 5-1 and unjustly booted them from the NCAA Division II Top 20.

How a team ranked 10th in the poll the previous week can be knocked off the top 20 after losing to a team of Pittsburg State's caliber is beyond me.

The rankings are even more suspicious when looking at Angelo State's position in the poll.

Last week Angelo State lost to unranked Mexico State and still remained in the top 20. They moved from fourth to ninth. How can they remain in the top 10 let alone the top 20 after suffering a loss to an unranked team?

Angelo State's loss moved their record to 5-1, the same record the 'Cats have. Only the

MIAA Football

Pittsburg State.....	6-0
Northwest Missouri State.....	5-1
Central Missouri State.....	3-2
Missouri Southern.....	3-3
Missouri Western.....	3-3
Northeast Missouri State.....	2-3
Southeast Missouri State.....	2-3
Washburn University.....	2-3
Southwest Baptist.....	2-4
Lincoln University.....	1-4
Missouri-Rolla.....	1-4

Conference games only

MIAA Volleyball

Central Missouri State.....	5-0
Southeast Missouri State.....	4-0
Missouri-St. Louis.....	3-1
Northeast Missouri State.....	3-2
Missouri Western State.....	3-2
Southwest Baptist.....	4-4
Washburn University.....	3-5
Northwest Missouri State.....	1-4
Missouri Southern.....	0-4
Pittsburg State.....	0-5

Conference matches only

Bearkittens split matches in invitational tournament

GENE MORRIS
Sports editor

The Bearkitten volleyball team finished with a 2-2 record in the Missouri Western Invitational last weekend.

They defeated Peru State by scores of 7-15, 15-12 and 15-8. After dropping their first game against Washburn 5-15 the 'Kittens rallied to win their second consecutive match with scores of 15-6 and 15-12.

The consecutive wins turned out to be their only victories of the invitational. They fell to Kearney State 4-15 and 6-15. Drury College then eliminated them from the tournament by scores of 4-15 and 13-15.

Tracy Williams was named the 'Kitten Player of the Week in

recognition of her 38 assists and 15 digs during the week in which the team was 3-2.

Senior Kathy Webb reached the 900 kill mark during the weekend putting her fifth on Northwest's all-time list.

"As a team we are not looking at what has happened, but what is going to happen," coach Peggy Voisin said. "We just have to take the season one game at a time now."

"We are not going to let the kids give into defeat," she said. "We won three consecutive matches and were 3-2 on the week. We just have to keep things going."

The tournament matches were decided by the best two out of

three instead of the usual three of five, Voisin said. During the three out of five matches she said the team's second game was usually their weakest performance. The team's worst showing in the three game matches turned out to be their first game.

"When you lose the first game of a best two out of three match as we did, you put a lot of pressure on yourselves during the second game," Voisin said. She noticed the team rallied to win their first two matches despite being blown out of the first games by a combined score of 12-30.

The 'Kittens will be in action this weekend in the Metro State Invitational in Colorado.

White sets pace for 'Cat runners

GENE MORRIS
Sports Editor

The Bearcat cross country team took ninth place last weekend in the Southwest Missouri State Distance Classic in Springfield.

They finished behind Arkansas, Southwest Missouri, Springfield Ridgerunners Running Club, Central Missouri, Northeastern State of Oklahoma, Pittsburg State, Missouri-Rolla and Southwest Baptist.

Jason White finished 11th with

a time of 24:34 to lead Northwest. White has been the team's leading runner all season.

The next Bearcat runner was Eric Green who finished 45th with a time of 26:03. Darryl Wagner came in 53rd in 26:28 while Chad Nelson was 64th in 27:20 and Sean White was 66th with a time of 27:29.

The Bearcat will host the Northwest Invitational at Nodaway Lake Saturday morning.



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TERI GUNTHER, Congratulations on Phi of the week! Keep up the great work! -The Actives

FUZZY, Think of Mom, think of me, think of the little bugger when you reach into your shirt pocket. I'm trying too. Give me an airport kiss. -S.B.

JANNA FRESH, Hey October Sister of the Month, you're a stud!!! Keep it up, we appreciate all your hard work!!!! -Phi Mu

C-KAY, Happy Birthday on the 24th!!! I'll party with you, but you can't sleep on my floor - cuz I don't want to have to shampoo my carpet!!! -Guess Who

LISA, JEANIE AND ANITA, Hold on - there's only 10 weeks left!!! -Susan

EVERYBODY AT X-106, Good job, you sound great. Keep up the good work!!!

TALL BLONDE, I think you know what a gut is I know that you have one!!!

MOM AND JASON, Sorry I haven't written or called, but I've been very busy. I have not forgotten you. -Love, your son & brother Scott

PHI MUs, To accomplish something important, two things are necessary: definite idea and not quite enough time.

TOM AND CAROL, Hope that you have a super anniversary!!! Here's to many more!!!

FEARLESS LEADER, Pray God, you are not the next victim of assault!!!! If I were you, I'd tighten that belt of yours one more notch!!!! -An Admirer

GO BEARCATS!!!!!!

THERESA, Thank you for being a friend. -Me

STACIE KIRKPATRICK, Stop eating pizza!!!! -Theresa

PEGGY, DENISE, KIM, STACIE, We will party again this Homecoming weekend. -Tizzy

SWIGART, Now that you have found out about the other half of the credit card, I'll give it to you soon or later. -Secret Admirer

AMY PAUL, You are the sweetest person I have ever met. I adore you alot. -Guess who

BOWMAN, Is the wife coming to see you this weekend or are we going home to be with her? -B.S.

IOWA COP, Only 233 days left! The number keeps getting smaller! Can't wait for Homecoming!! Love ya!! -Bigfoot (I hate that name!!)

BRUCELING, Here you are. No bad music and let me sit in front and we'll do fine. Good luck with your latest.

KAREN AND GREG, Happy 3-year anniversary. You guys are a great couple!!! -Love Deb

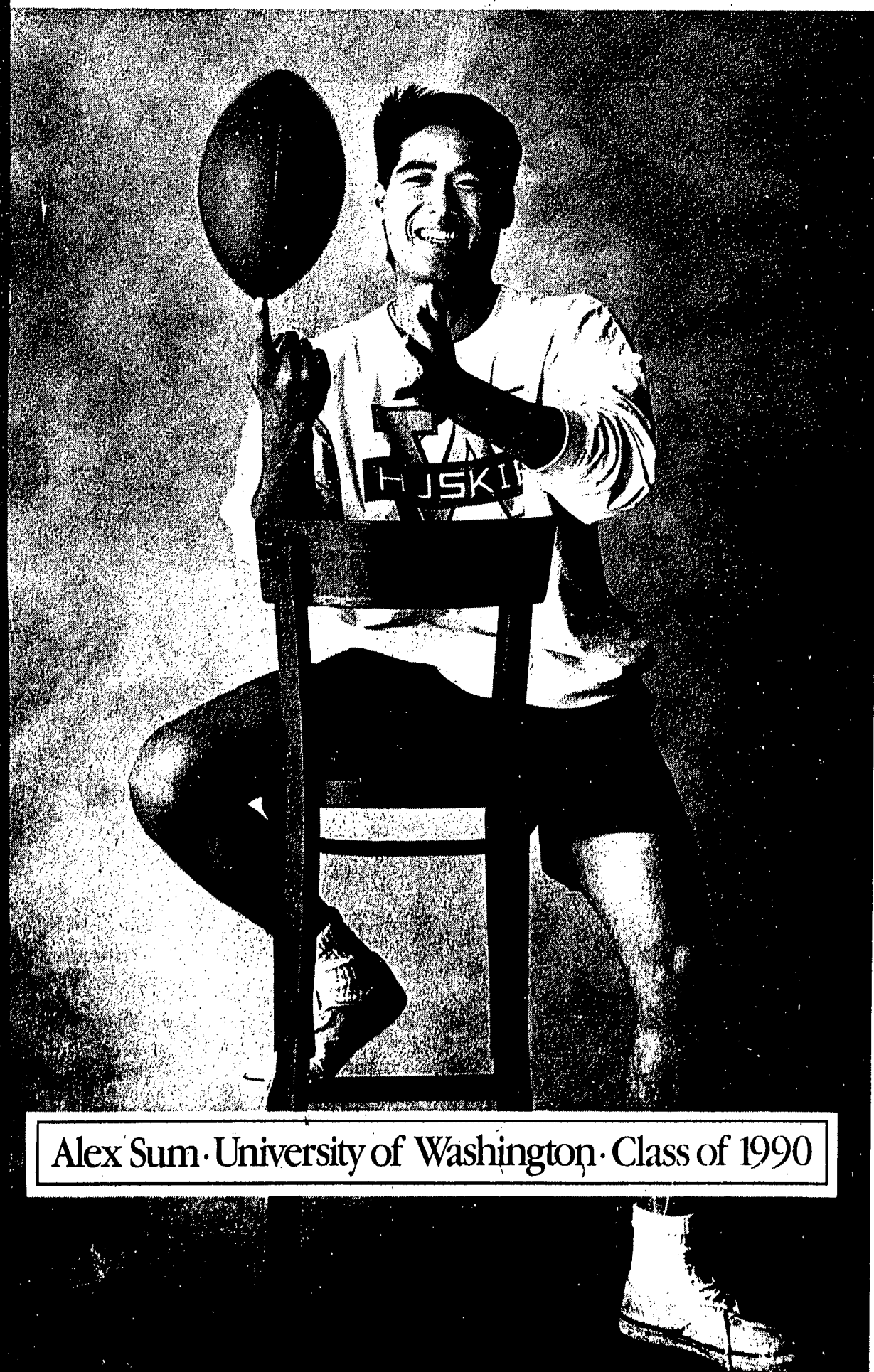
SCOOTER, Have a Happy, Happy Birthday!! -Your favorite pal Deb

NICK, I HERD you should stay away from comics. You know what they do to your animal magnetism. -Cindie

DARRELL BUD, Here's to never paying membership fees for the rest of our lives!!! -Cindie



“I wasn’t rubbing
it in—I just wanted
Eddie to know
the score of
last night’s game.”

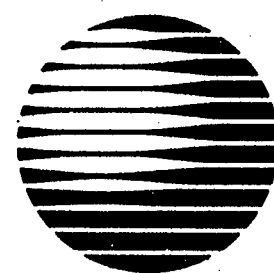


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